

and a Picture Store (PS) element 132. Therefore encoding claims 1-22 and 24 read on FIG. 1. FIG. 1 also illustrates a decoding path from an inverse quantizer (Q^{-1}) element 124 to the PS element 132, including the MC element 136. As stated on page 12, lines 12-13 of the specification, "the circuits 122, 124, 125, 126, 128, 130 and 132 decode and reconstruct selected pictures, most notably, reference pictures from the encoded video signal itself." Therefore, decoding claims 25-33 also read on FIG. 1. As such, all of the pending claims read on the elected Species I and thus the restriction appears to be improper.


The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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